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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Petition to Require BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Appear and Show Cause that Certain Sections of its General Subscriber Services Tariff and Private Line Services Tariff Do Not Violate Current State and Federal Law, with (Proposed) Order to Show Cause*  
Docket No. 00-00170

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This will confirm that BellSouth and the Staff members who signed the Petition in this matter ("Staff Petitioners") have agreed to extend the time for BellSouth to file a response to the Petition by an additional two weeks. As a result, BellSouth's response is now due by noon on May 8, 2000.

As you may know, the Staff Petitioners and representatives of BellSouth have had several discussions regarding the issues raised in the Petition (at least two of which have been face-to-face), and I believe all parties would acknowledge that those discussions have been beneficial. On the basis of these cumulative discussions, the Staff Petitioners have put together a first draft of what we all hope can quickly evolve into a proposed settlement agreement that is acceptable to all parties. BellSouth received this draft yesterday afternoon, and unfortunately, several persons who need to review this draft are unavailable today. Additionally, tomorrow is a state holiday.

In the meantime, BellSouth's response to the Petition was to be due on Monday, April 24, 2000. This is also the date that the appellate briefs of both BellSouth and the TRA are due in the CAD's appeal of the TRA Order approving BellSouth's directory assistance tariff. In addition to being responsible for filing this brief for BellSouth, I am also responsible for filing BellSouth's appellate brief in the

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United "use-it-or-lose-it" docket on April 28, 2000 and for filing BellSouth's appellate brief in a civil litigation appeal on May 1, 2000. Given my involvement in the Discount Communications hearing most of last week, I obviously have my work cut out for me.

Additionally, as mentioned above, all parties are working in good faith toward a mutually-acceptable resolution of this issue, and requiring BellSouth to file a response to the Petition in the middle of these good-faith settlement efforts would be of no benefit to those efforts. It is in light of these circumstances that the Staff Petitioners and BellSouth have agreed to extend the time for BellSouth to file a response to the Petition.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patrick W. Turner

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cc: Gary Hotvedt, Esquire  
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